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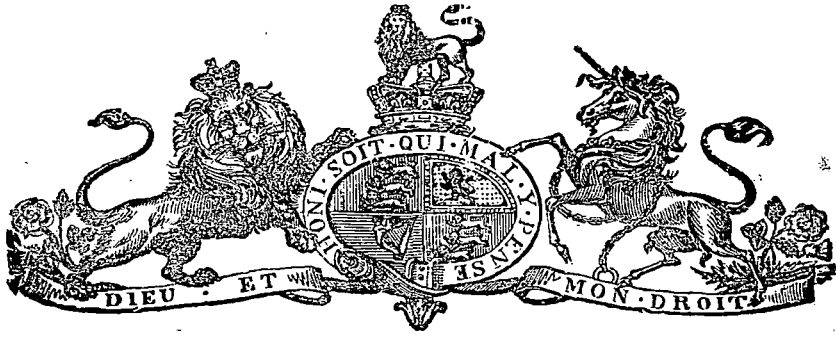
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Laid upon the Table by the Colonial Treasurer, and ordered by the House to be  
printed, December 6, 1871.



To His Excellency CHARLES DU CANE, Esquire, Administrator  
of the Government of Tasmania and its Dependencies, and the  
Honorable the Members of the Executive Council.

The humble Memorial of the undersigned Seine Fishermen and others the Inhabitants of Hobart Town,  
on their behalf, praying for an alteration of the boundary line at present in force under the 22nd  
clause of "The Salmon Fisheries Act."

YOUR Petitioners, more especially the Seine Fishermen and the Hawkers of Fish, would respectfully urge  
that in lieu of the present line of boundary that Risdon Ferry be constituted such boundary line in the  
River Derwent, thereby opening up to your Petitioners ground for their calling that has been closed to  
them for many years, and which they believe would not be detrimental to the preservation of the Salmon.

A great boon would be conferred on the Inhabitants of Hobart Town generally by such an alteration  
in the boundary, inasmuch as fish of the description required is mostly to be caught in the numerous small  
bays betwixt Hobart Town and Risdon, at present closed; and a plentiful supply of fish might be expected  
daily in place of the present scarcity.

In rough weather, such as has been the case for some months, your Petitioners (the Seine Fishermen)  
are debarred from exercising their calling below the City, and their wives and families have suffered great  
hardships from the deprivation of their former privileges; and your Petitioners generally would respectfully  
submit that as nearly seven years have elapsed from the passing of "The Salmon Fisheries Act," it is  
time that some alteration should be made in the boundary line as prayed for by your Petitioners.

In conclusion, your Petitioners respectfully beg to point out that the Fish Hawkers, a numerous and  
hard-working class of the community, are mainly dependent for many months of the year on the seine  
fishery for their daily supply of fish; and that, from the great scarcity that has long existed, they are  
compelled morning after morning to leave the market without being able to procure a supply for their  
customers, thereby reducing their wives and families at this, the most inclement season of the year, to a  
state of semi-starvation and wretchedness.

Humbly trusting that Your Excellency in Council will take their case into your kindest consideration,  
Your Excellency's Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

[Here follow 175 Signatures.]

At a meeting of the Municipal Council held on the 28th instant, a copy of this Petition was read;  
when it was resolved that the Council do recommend the prayer thereof, and that His Worship the Mayor  
be authorised to sign the same for and on behalf of the Council.

A. KENNERLEY,  
Mayor of the City of Hobart Town,  
31st August, 1871.

HENRY WILKINSON, Town Clerk.